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Terra Nova Communities Benefit from Heritage Investment

Heritage organizations in Burnside and Gambo have received over $26,000 in operational and project funding through the Cultural Economic Development Program (CEDP) to undertake heritage initiatives in the Terra Nova region.

The Honourable Clyde Jackman, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation, said the Burnside Heritage Foundation has received $14,107 – $4,107 in operational support and $10,000 to construct a retaining wall to conserve the Beaches archeological site (Paleoeskimo and ancestral Beothuk) in that community.

"The Beaches archeological site is one of the island's oldest human habitations, with signs of occupation dating back 5,000 years ago," said Minister Jackman. "It is important to ensure the site is protected and preserved for future generations."

Minister Jackman noted the Smallwood Era Development Corporation in Gambo has received a total of $12,261 – $6,761 in operational funding and $5,500 to repair interpretive panels along its trail system and in the Smallwood Interpretation Centre.

The panels in the Smallwood Interpretation Centre depict the life and times of J.R. Smallwood, while the trail panels tell the history of the town, the logging industry, the railway, and the people of the area.

The Honourable Paul Oram, MHA for the District of Terra Nova, welcomed the investments.

"The province's commitment to our tourism, culture and heritage industries is very evident in the funding provided through the Cultural Economic Development Program," said Minister Oram. "I am pleased that my district is able to benefit from this investment."

The 2008 Cultural Economic Development Program (CEDP) is providing $1.15 million for operational and project support to the heritage sector, and about $1.2 million to the professional arts sector, for a total of more than $2.3 million.

CEDP projects are selected based on the strength of the business plans, vision and potential for development within the sector. For more information on the CEDP program and application guidelines, visit: www.tcr.gov.nl.ca/tcr/services_programs/cedp/heritage/

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